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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Tan Le	Art Unit 3632	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17-25.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 17-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 19-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the third office action for application No. 10/823, 126 responsive to Applicant's amendment filed 01/13/06 and 03/17/06 which has been entered. This application contains 9 claims numbered 17-25. Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-25 have been added.

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 13, 2006 and March 17, 2006 have been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent No. 6,203,109 to Bergsten et al.

Bergsten et al. teaches a sliding arm substantially as claimed in claim 17 which includes a main body (see marked up copy) having a long guide groove extending in a longitudinal direction, a movable portion at least partially in the long guide groove and movable in the longitudinal direction and rotatable at a selected end position of the

longitudinal groove, wherein said main body is composed of a case main body provided with the long guide groove, and a lid portion provided with a long guided hole communicating with the long guide groove, and wherein said movable portion composed of a head portion, a guide leg portion and bearings .

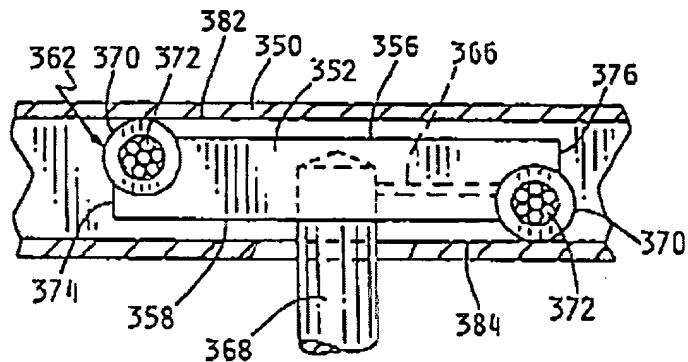


FIG. 34

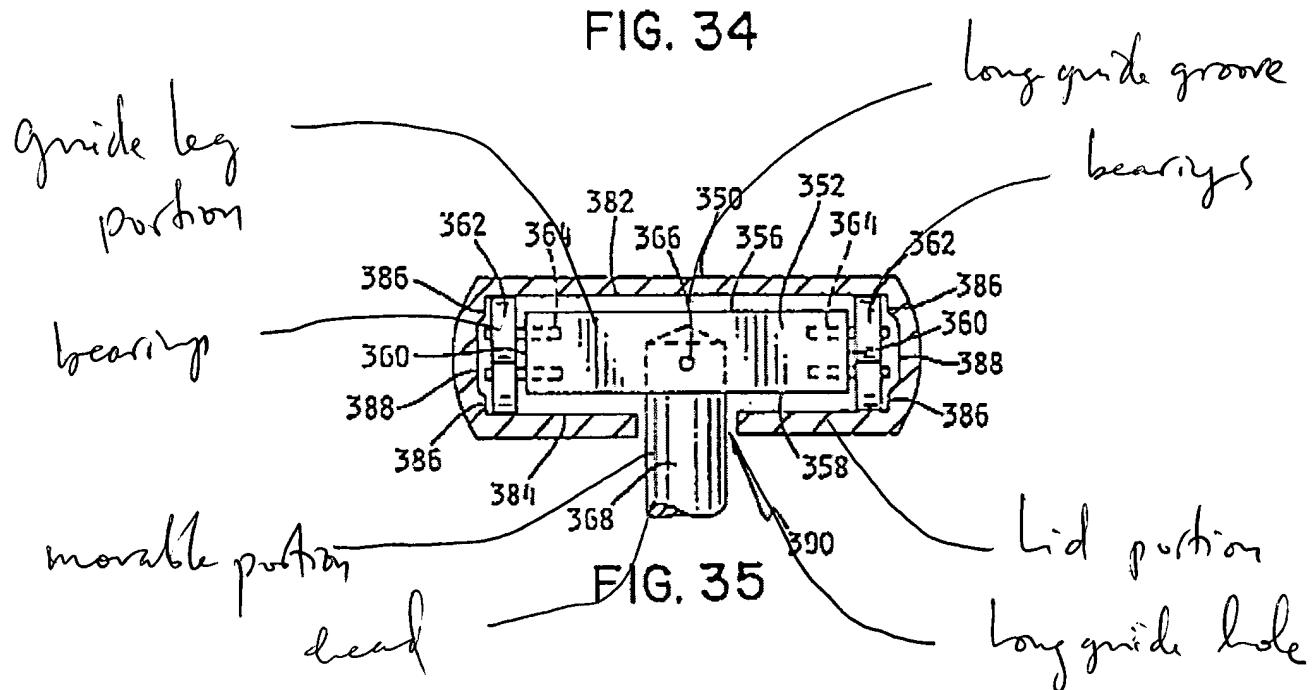


FIG. 35

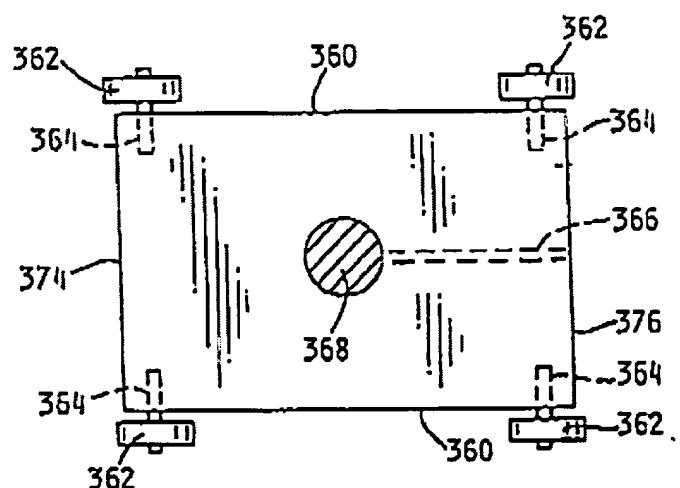


FIG. 36

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent No. 6,488,244 to Ruant et al.

Ruant et al. teaches a sliding arm substantially as claimed in claim 17, which includes a main body (see marked up copy) having a long guide groove extending in a longitudinal direction, a movable portion at least partially in the long guide groove and movable in the longitudinal direction and rotatable at a selected end position of the longitudinal groove, wherein said main body is composed of a case main body provided with the long guide groove, and a lid portion provided with a long guided hole communicating with the long guide groove, and wherein said movable portion composed of a head portion, a guide leg portion and bearings .

As to claim 18, Ruant et al. also teaches the long guide groove having a guide recess and a stopper protrusion provided in said guide recess portion.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 19-25 are allowed with the following reasons: Either Bergsten et al discloses or suggests for example: a pair of arresting means slidably biased in mutually opposite direction to sandwich a portion of the movable portion (claim 19); and/or an elastic means for slidably biasing the arresting plates against each other (claims 20-25) in combination with other limitations as a whole which is not found in Bergsten et al. or Ruant et al. either singularly or in combination to anticipate or render obvious the above claims.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 17-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

This action is made NON-FINAL>

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-6818. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

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